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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraph as indicated:

[0048] Fig. 10 illustrates a schematic view of a fuel cell system (300a) that makes use of an integral fuel cartridge and filter apparatus (100c). The integral fuel cartridge and filter apparatus (100c) includes a pre-filter (1100) coupled to, and in fluid communication with, a main filter ~~(130e)~~ (130). In addition, the pre-filter (1100) is in fluid communication with a cooling conduit (1110) that directs pre-filtered air to the fuel cell (305) in order to facilitate cooling. A blower ~~(335a)~~ (335) forces the pre-filtered air over the fuel cell (305). Such a configuration allows for a removal of larger particulates by the pre-filter (1100). Once entering air has passed through the pre-filter (1100), a portion of the air is passed through the main filter (130) as described above to remove finer particulates. The remaining air is conveyed to the cooling system of a fuel cell (305) where the remaining air facilitates removal of heat generated by the electrochemical reaction.